

Blessed Be That Maid Mary



1. Blessed be that maid Mary,
Born he was of her body;
Very God ere time began,
Born in time the Son of Man.
Refrain:
*Eya! Ihesus hodie
Natus est de Virgine!*
2. In a manger of an ass
Jesu lay and lulled was;
Born to die upon the Tree,
Pro peccante homine.
Refrain
3. Sweet and blissful was the song,
Chanted of the angel throng,
'Peace on earth, alleluya!
In excelsis gloria.'
Refrain
4. Fare three kings from far-off land,
Incense, gold and myrrh in hand;
In Bethlehem the babe they see,
Stelle ducti lumine.
Refrain
5. Make we merry on this feast,
In quo Christus natus est,
On this child I pray you call,
To assoil abd save us all.
Refrain

"Blessed Be That Maid Mary", also known as "Blessed be that Maid Marie" or "Blyssid be that mayde Mary" is a traditional English carol that possibly dates to the 15th century set to the tune "Staines Morris". It was printed in Chappell's **Popular Music of the Olden Time**. The lyrics are from Woodward and Wood, **Cowley Carol Book** (1901). It was also printed in Hutchins' **Carols Old and Carols New** (1916) and **The New Oxford Book of Carols** (#106).